

The lower House of the Rhode Island Legislature passed, by a unanimous vote, a bill declaring that henceforth no land owned by and used for any church or charitable institution shall be exempt from taxation.

The prospects are that the District of Columbia government, and the immense debt it has piled up, will be made the subject of investigation by the Senate; and this, too, before the Senate agrees to the bill to pay the interest on the 3.65 District bonds.

The Charlie Ross sensation still continues at and near Tiffin, Ohio. There seems to be a good deal of evidence that the lad has really been found at last. No event would cause more joy throughout the United States than the discovery and return of the boy to his parents.

The Chicago Inter-Ocean is of the opinion that the 24th of May is altogether too late for holding the Republican Convention in this State, and it gives some good reasons for its opinion. The earlier the Convention is held the better, and any time after the 1st of April would be late enough. The Inter-Ocean is also in favor of one Convention electing delegates to the National Convention, and nominating a State ticket.

It now appears that, instead of the prisoners taken on either side in the late war, being about equal in number, the Union forces captured 479,169 men, while the rebels took only 188,115. It is not surprising, in view of this, that as many rebel prisoners died in our hands as there were of Union prisoners who died in rebel hands.

The New York Tribune has a Harrisburg correspondent who tells us how Pennsylvania is breeding a President. Here is a passage:

"Mr. Quay is Secretary of the Commonwealth, and is the trusted adviser in political matters. He is an eminently skillful and sagacious politician, and will go to Cincinnati to carry off the nomination for Grant, if such a result lies within the range of possibility. As far as can be learned, all the Republican politicians of any account in the State, are favorable to the project, and there appears to be no good reason why it should not have as fair a chance of succeeding as any other Presidential scheme now on the carpet. A great deal might be said in favor of Governor Harriman as an available candidate. He has most of General Grant's good qualities."

It is all a mistake to suppose that there is any necessity to gather together an assortment of Democratic principles. The question is whether the Democratic party is to be put into possession of the Government. There is no principle involved. The old party is not reformed in any particular. It has all the old vices. The party possesses vitality, irrespective of its principles. That is what is the matter with it. There is no reason why it ought to die and doesn't. The Democratic party is again submitted to its Southern wing. Look at the committee of the present House. They show where the potentiality of the party is lodged. Just now the party is under bonds to behave beautifully, that it may win the Presidency and the Senate. With the complete possession of power, the mask will be thrown off. We need no Blaine or Morton to tell us this. The fact is manifest. The leading policy, if not the principle, of the Democratic party coming into power with the present feeling, would be to avenge the humiliations of the Southern Confederacy. Can the Nation afford it?—Cincinnati Commercial.

There is considerable talk in the fourteenth Congressional District, among Republicans, in favor of running Hon. James A. Connelly, of Coles county, as the Republican candidate for Congress. Mr. Connelly will be remembered as one of the most efficient members of the last Legislature, and he would no doubt make a good Representative. The district is now represented by Hon. Jos. G. Cannon, and he has made a record of which the Republicans of his district ought to be proud, and unless there are the best of reasons, Mr. Cannon ought to be re-elected. The experience he has already gained, would be of great benefit to the district and the State. This continual desire for a change on the part of Western constituents, is a mistake, and the West always has been deprived of its just weight in the councils of the nation, simply because it will persist in sending men members to Congress. It makes no difference what a man's natural ability may be, he is the first one or two terms a mere cipher in Congress. The East understands this matter, and when it gets a man that is capable and honest, it keeps him, and the result is, that its representatives become a power. The West needs to learn this lesson.—Bloomington Leader.

ZACH CHANDLER'S RED FACE.

Creighton, the Washington correspondent of the Danbury News, writes: Perhaps you would like to know something of "Zach" Chandler. You and I have heard and read a good deal about him, and it is time we knew something of him. He is a great big man, over six feet high, and about sixty years old. He and Horace Greeley were born within a cat call of each other, and still no man did as much as "Zach" Chandler to defeat the philosopher for the Presidency. He has a lumbering, heavy walk, of certain stride and steady gait. He carries an alternate white and red face in front and high, a cane in one hand and a bundle of papers in the other. He never walks for pleasure. He is always on business. He spits every eight minutes—always to the left, seldom straight, and with the same regularity that punctuates his every action. High in front, like the figure head on a great ship, he carries his great, broad variegated face. On a cold day his countenance beams almost like the red glare of a locomotive headlight. Ninety-nine men who pass him on a cold and frosty morning make ninety-nine remarks, freighted with the information that "Old Zach had his blisters." But, oh Lord, how the world is given to living! This red face has a history, this crooked spitting has a reason; and I will give you both.

It is now seventeen years since Zachariah Chandler, being remarkably successful in business, built for his family a new and elegant house in Detroit. When nearly finished he moved into it. On the first evening, immediately after the gas was turned on and lit, the smell of the escaping gas aroused the family and servants, and search was made for the leak. The daughter, now Mrs. Hale, then a child, with a lighted candle, detected it in a closet off the back parlor. The father knowing the danger of an explosion, hurried to the closet with a servant, took the candle from the daughter's hands, and shielded her just in time to receive the full blast himself, burning his head, neck and hands almost to a crisp. The nose, ears, eyes, lips, and flesh of the face was so completely cooked that old Zach embraced the opportunity and murmured through his blistered lips: "Bring on your cannibals. I'm cooked."

A physician was immediately sent for, who, after a few moments' examination, shook his head in the most unhelpful manner. With a fortitude which characterizes Mr. Chandler to this day, he submitted to the examination, and at the close demanded to know the worst. The physician, Dr. Clark, wisely endeavored to postpone the giving of his opinion until the next day; but Mr. Chandler insisting, the Doctor reluctantly answered his questions.

"Well, Doctor, my nose feels bad. How about it?"
"And my ears, I suppose, too?"
"I am sorry to say, yes; they are completely cooked through."

"My forehead. How about that?"
"Well, I don't see how the skin will ever grow there again."

"My lips?"
"The upper lip, Mr. Chandler, I shall have to take almost completely off."

"That's bad for a man to have to lose his upper lip. Won't the lower one do?"
"I'm sorry to say that I think I shall have to remove a portion of that also."

THE SPRING ELECTIONS.

The State elections of the Presidential year begin with the three New England States, New Hampshire, Connecticut and Rhode Island. New Hampshire holds her election in March, the other two in April. Occurring before the Presidential conventions of the two great parties have made their nomination, and while Congress, with all its possibilities of making and marring the fortunes of parties and candidates, is in session, they cannot be held to signify much as to the probabilities of the Presidential canvass. New Hampshire and Connecticut have been for more than twenty years counted among the doubtful states, the former having been carried by the Democrats, but as a rule carried by the Republicans, who seem to have the best prospects for success in the approaching election, while Connecticut more often wavered from the Republican line, and is at present so pronouncedly Democratic, as to leave little hope for Republican success in April. Rhode Island is so assuredly Republican, that the nomination of a Democratic ticket is a mere matter of form, and even that is sometimes dispensed with.

How the Rev. Winslow Ascertained the Method of the Escape of Forgers From Justice.

From the Boston Globe.
It has already been stated that Mr. Winslow inquired of a lawyer of this city in regard to the countries where extradition does not prevail. The details of this interview are grimly humorous in the light of recent events. The Transcript says that the enterprising speculator began the interview by saying that as so many forgers had escaped justice by going to Brazil and other countries where no extradition law is in effect, he wished to get up an article for the Post, giving the facts in the matter, the full text of the laws, and the names of the localities where justice is not protected, the routes thither, &c. Mr. Winslow's legal friend accordingly overhauled books, consulted all the authorities, looked into the history of the famous Bailey case in New York, and others well known here, and furnished full details. Mr. Winslow took copious notes, informed himself of the routes and running time of all lines of steamers running to non-extradition ports, and by the lawyer's help, obtained a full statement of the laws regulating arrest on the high seas, and the immunities of "those who go down to the sea in ships," &c. The disciple of Blackstone had himself become greatly interested in the case, and when Mr. Winslow offered to pay him for his trouble, the lawyer said that the matter was of public interest, and he couldn't think of taking money for it. Mr. Winslow insisted on sending him a copy of the Post free, and went away, assuring his friend that the first of the extradition articles would appear very soon.

A SINGULAR MEETING.
The Poughkeepsie Eagle says that at the Hudson River railroad depot in that city, on Tuesday, a divorced wife and her child met the husband from whom they had separated, and while the father, mother and child were talking in a little group, the second wife of the husband stood aside talking with a friend, waiting for the interview to close. The train was waiting for time at the door, and as the engine whistled, the divorced husband hastily bid his first wife and child adieu, and joining his second wife, the two hurried to the train and entered a drawing-room car, and were off.

A SAMPLE OF THE WORK OF THE NEW HOUSE.
When Speaker Kerr on Thursday called his committee, Mr. Faulkner, of Virginia, reported a bill from his committee, of minor importance, and passed it with much flourish. When it was through a Republican, informed him that the same bill, word for word, had passed the House a week ago from another committee. Fancy Faulkner's feelings.

A Washington special to the Chicago Inter-Ocean of yesterday contains the following, which is "important" if true:
"It is stated here to-night, on what is supposed to be excellent authority, that Secretary Bristow will support Mr. Blaine for the Presidency, and withdraw from the field himself. It is also stated that the New York Tribune will support Mr. Blaine under a new editorial management."

Curtis & Righter have the most complete assortment of clocks in the city.
"Will you love me when I'm old?" and "Little Robin, tell Kitty I'm coming"—two of the most popular songs of the day, for sale by
31-11 Prescott & Co.
Last Week of the 49 Cent Store.—Prettier and cheaper goods than ever. Be sure to go and see them. 31-11
Pike, the Jeweler, is agent for the sale of the best brands of American watches.
Y. Barber & Co. are still crowding down prices on heavy winter goods, preparatory to the spring trade. Persons in want of boots and shoes of any kind, will find a very full stock at this house, and goods of excellent quality. In the matter of prices, this establishment is always at low water mark.
D. M. Barnett & Co. keep a full line of groceries and provisions, and always the best that the market affords.

TELEGRAPHIC.

THE BIG BLOW.

Terrific Storms Throughout the East.

Confession of a Dying Burglar.

BABCOCK'S CASE.

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—A heavy gale prevails here to-day, and telegraph communication north and south is broken in many places. Dispatches from outside report the carrying away of roofs and steeples.
In Washington, the fiercest of the blasts awakened many persons. The tower of the Methodist church is several feet out of perpendicular, and great crowds are in the neighboring streets awaiting its fall.

In Philadelphia, the centennial building suffered considerable damage. The roofs of several houses on Sixth street, were blown seventy feet. Danger signals are flying along the coast, from Maine to California.

The heaviest storm of the season is raging near Rutland, Vt. The snow is drifting so badly delaying trains.
Whitehall and Saratoga report that the storm is fearful and telegraph wires working badly.

In Brooklyn, a row of private residences were unroofed.
DETROIT, Feb. 2.—A terrific storm of wind and snow swept over the state last night and this morning. The weather is the coldest of the season. At Mackinaw the thermometer is 25 degrees below zero.

At Montreal, a foot of snow has fallen since last night.
EVANSVILLE, IND., Feb. 2.—The storm yesterday, caused great destruction in the low lands below. Ten farms were swept nearly bare, five miles above Mount Vernon. The fate of the occupants is unknown. One family was rescued from a two story window by the steamer, Florence Lee.

ST. LOUIS, February 2.—Roger M. Sherman, of New York, one of General B. Babcock's attorneys, arrived here, to-day, and has been examining, with Judge Krum, another of Babcock's counsel, some documentary testimony against their client. General Babcock will be here Saturday night. Many rumors are afloat here regarding what action is likely to be taken in the McKee case, but none of them can be traced to a reliable source.

EVANSVILLE, Ind., February 2.—J. S. Farmer, the Quincy bank robber, died Tuesday night, of consumption. He maintained the truth of his story, and gave the names of his accomplices as Halsey, a thief of Syracuse, N. Y., English Tom, a cockney burglar, and a man, name unknown, at present in the St. Louis hospital, with a bullet wound in his thigh. He tried to tell of a diamond robbery in St. Joseph, Mo., in March, 1875, but died before the particulars were given. He said \$20,000 worth of diamonds and jewelry were buried on the Iron Mountain railroad, near Booneville, Mo. Proper effort will be made to ferret the matter out.

MATERIAL FOR STREET PAVEMENT.
As we have frequently spoken of the matter of paving the principal business thoroughfares of our city, information as to material for that purpose may not be out of place. To put our city authorities on the trail, should they feel disposed to give the subject any attention, we clip the following from the Bloomington Leader, in regard to a certain flint rock which is used in Lafayette, Indiana, and gives great satisfaction there. From the tenor of the Leader's article it will be seen that the question of procuring it for use in Bloomington is under consideration. Here is what that paper says about it:

Flint rock is what they use in Lafayette, Ind., to make street pavements of. The fame of the good streets in that city has reached this place, and a good deal has been said about the quality of the material used and the probable price of the same. To solve that question, Esq. A. T. Lawrence wrote to a party living in Lafayette, asking for a sample of the rock. The gentleman sent about a bushel of the material, which arrived this morning, and a sample of it we now lay upon our table. It is flint rock, already crushed to the proper size, and mixed with sand and gravel sufficient to make it pack nicely and hard. We learn that streets paved with this material, now in use in Lafayette, are as hard almost as solid rock. The quarry from which this material is taken is about 14 miles south of Lafayette, on the canal, and about a half mile from a railroad. There are twelve or fourteen acres of the quarry, where nature has prepared it ready for use, and all that is necessary, is to get it out and put it upon the boat or cart, ready for shipment. The proprietors propose to furnish the material on the cars at Lafayette for \$1.00 per yard. This material, used as the top dressing of our streets already macadamized, or those which are to be, will give us better streets, and at less expense perhaps than any other that may be adopted. There is no crushing of this rock, it being that it simply packs. The city council will have the matter brought to their notice, and some plan may be adopted by which trial shall be made, so as to test the merit of the material on our streets.

New Advertisements.

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THE DECATUR TURN VEREIN!

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MONDAY, FEB. 14th.

PROGRAMME:

PART I.
Grand Tableau....."Die Wacht am Rhein"
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LIVING STATUES.
I. The Three Graces.
II. ALEX. DELING the Lightning.
III. Pichou and Catch.
IV. The Grecian Slave.
PART III.
"Die Teufels Mühle."
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ADMISSION.
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LADIES.....50
Tickets to be had of F. W. Wiener, with Linn & Sprague, W. C. W. with Linn & Sprague, J. Stuebel, with J. P. Seallwood; and at Biez & Stuebel's meat market.
Positively no improper characters admitted. The admission will be observed during the evening. By order of
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OPERA HOUSE.

A GRANDE EVENT!

One Night Only—Thursday, Feb. 3

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KELLY & LEON'S

MINSTRELS

Barlesque Opera Troupe!

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Under the management of J. H. MACK.

The Largest, most Complete and Refined
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7 Comedians and Specialty Artists.

Kelly and Leon, Walters and Morton,
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THE OPERA SEXTETTE.
Sarrago, Chantrel, White, Palmer,
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A GRAND ORCHESTRA.

This company will positively not lose their great Barlesque, TWO OPERAS, in this city.

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In the thrillingly effective and entirely new
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Owing to a change in our business on the 1st to 15th of February next, we will offer

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We are determined to Unload, and if you want good bargains call soon.

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No. 21 North Water St.

Decatur, Jan. 29, 1876—dwt

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